

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark J. Nuell on 06/13/08.

In the claims:

Cancel claim 21.

Replace the claim as follows:

Claim 11 (Currently amended) A method of providing neuroprotection to a patient in need thereof for treating Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, multiple sclerosis, HIV neuropathy, Guillain-Barre' syndrome, neural transplantation, neural xenotransplantation, stroke, brain hemorrhage, brain and spine trauma, ionizing radiation, neurotoxicity of vestibular structures, or retinal detachment, which comprises administering a sterile injectable solution of cyclosporin dissolved in DMSO according to the method of claim 3, 4, 5 or 6 in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier to said patient.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE CORRESPONDANCE

Claims 3-7, 10-12, 24 and 25 are allowed

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ABDEL A. MOHAMED whose telephone number is (571)272-0955. The examiner can normally be reached on First Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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